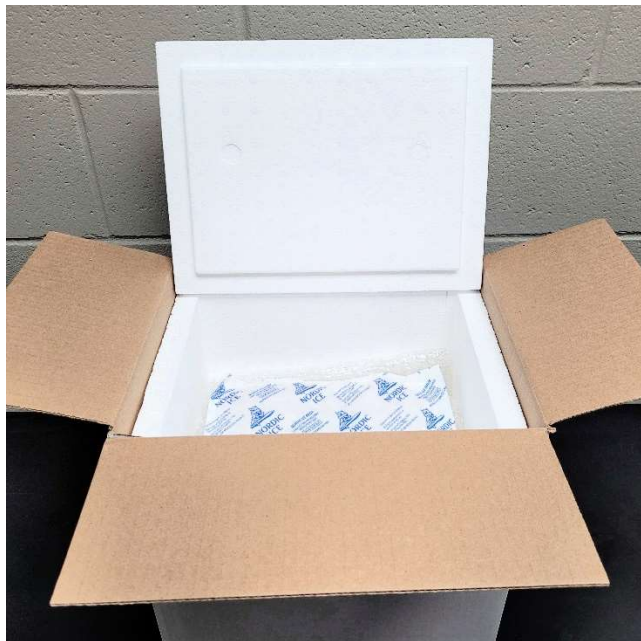
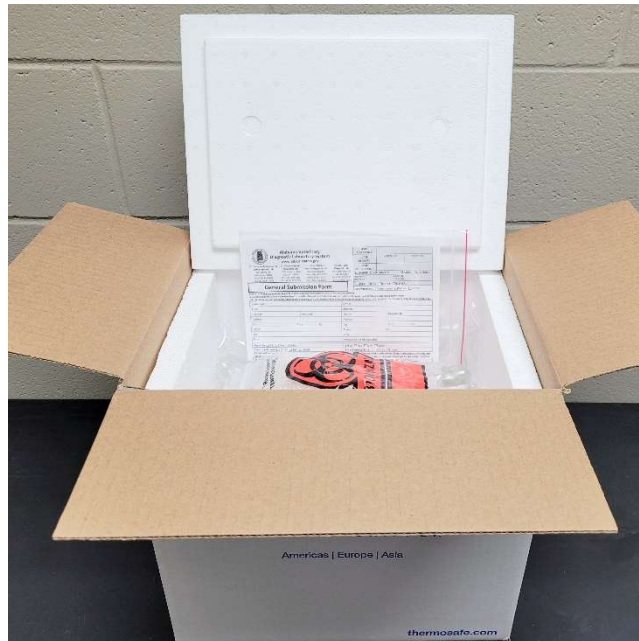




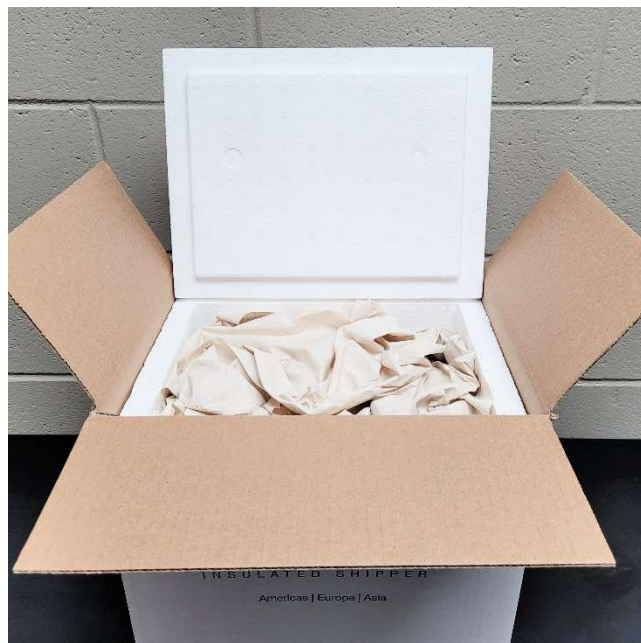
There are four steps to safely packaging a sample to send to the Alabama Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (AVDL). Adhering to these four steps will ensure your sample arrives safely to the AVDL.



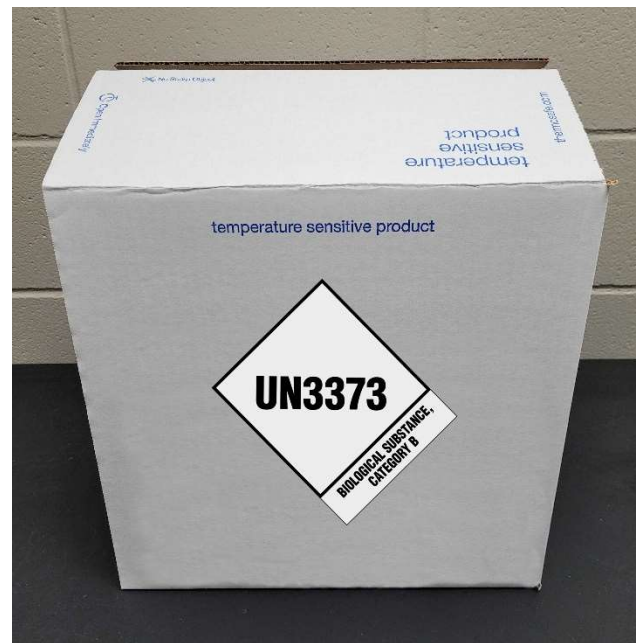
Step 1: Prepare a rigid outer package that will contain the secondary packaging. Use a cold pack if specimen must remain at a refrigerated temperature.



Step 2: To prevent damage to specimens in transit, ensure blood tubes have adequate cushioning and are bagged to prevent leakage. Add a layer of filler between the cold packs and specimen. Package paperwork in its own bag.



Step 3: Add additional filler to decrease empty space within the secondary packaging. Secure the entire package with tape.



Step 4: Label the package in accordance with the specimen's classification.

Visit www.labs.alabama.gov, scroll down to the **LINKS & RESOURCES** section, click on **TESTS AND SPECIMENS**, then click on **Shipping Instructions** for more information on how to properly ship specimens for diagnostic testing at the AVDL.